## SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MARKING AND TRACKING BULK FLOWABLE MATERIAL

## Abstract of the Disclosure

A method and apparatus are disclosed for identifying a characteristic of a bulk flowable material. An identification marker is inserted into a bulk flowable material. The identification marker carries information identifying a specified property or properties of the material. A marker dispenser can be located at one or more handling sites of the bulk flowable material. The identification markers can be preprepared or property–related information can be added to the marker prior to or subsequent to dispensing. The identification markers can be paper–like labels, for example, or more complex devices. The system can be used to track the lifespan of a material or to indicate a property of the material to others, such as whether the material is a genetically modified organism (GMO). A pre–printed marker source containing a single continuous bar code is also disclosed.

## Figures